

STUBBORN FIRE BREAKS OUT IN MINE AT MONONGAH

QUARANTINE ON THEATERS AND CHURCHES LIFTED

Board of Health Takes Step After Consulting State Officials

SCHOOLS NOT EFFECTED

All Pupils Required To Present Health Certificates

The quarantine of theaters, and Sunday schools and all other public gatherings was lifted today by the City Board of Health after a consultation this morning with the State Health Board of West Virginia. This action was taken because of the present cold wave which has reached this section and Dr. Welch of the State Board, who is in direct charge of the Paralysis situation in this state, thought that the rigid quarantine would no longer be needed.

The local Health Board met this morning and formulated an official order which will lift the ban on the moving picture theaters and Sunday schools and which goes into effect today. The regulations which effect the city schools however are still in effect and the local schools will not open until Monday, September 25, at which time all children admitted will be required to present health certificates from their physician.

The order requiring the children to present health certificates is now being prepared by the local Health Board and will be published Monday. A uniform blank Health certificate is being printed and these will be distributed by the Board at the City offices on the first floor of the City building. All physicians in the city will be required to use these blanks for the work of examination of the children and may obtain them at the city offices.

The plan of having a number of physicians present at the schools when they are opened to examine the children, was abandoned as being impractical since there are more than three thousand prospective pupils to be enrolled at this time. Thus it is estimated that it will require the time of practically all the physicians in the city the greater portion of next week to properly inspect the children for the possibility of infectious and communicable diseases. A small fee will of course be charged by the physicians for this inspection but the Board of Health and the city physician Dr. C. M. Ramage will examine free any child whose parents are unable to pay a fee.

A certain amount of opposition has been found to these measures of the Health Board but the order will be thoroughly enforced and will in the end be the means of saving a considerable sum of the patrons of the schools since it will reduce to a minimum the possibility of an outbreak of any epidemic such as whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria or infantile paralysis. There are a number of cases of scarlet fever now in the community although not within the city limits.

NEW BOND ISSUE OF \$760,000 IS PROPOSED

Is To Take Care of All Contemplated Improvements

\$50,000 FROM M.V.T.CO.

Total Expenditure Will Reach \$810,000 — Up To Council

A special meeting of the common council of the city has been called for Monday, September 18. This meeting is for the purpose of passing on the proposed bond issue of the city which will amount to \$760,000. Included in this bond issue will be a new bridge for Coal run, or perhaps a fill; a new bridge for the East Side; repairing and improving of streets and sewers, erection of an incinerator plant for garbage and other improvements.

The money is to be divided as follows: For the bridge or fill to cross the Coal run ravine, \$100,000; for a bridge to cross the Monongahela river, \$350,000; for the opening of Lowell avenue, View street, Ridgely avenue, building of a culvert over Bell run, \$40,000; for the extension and improvement of sewers \$30,000; for an incinerator plant, \$5,000; to erect a new fire station on the East Side, \$7,500; for laying paving blocks in the Buffalo creek bridge and the East Side bridge, \$7,500; to pay off the floating indebtedness, \$70,000; to pay off outstanding bonds, \$200,000.

This work will amount in all to \$810,000; the Monongahela Valley Traction company will expend \$50,000 for the work of building the bridge across Coal run. This much has been deducted from the original amount which leaves to be raised by bond issue the sum of \$760,000.

WILLETT'S CLAY COMPANY PLANT TO BE LARGER

Work on New Addition Is Now Under Way

STEP IN CITY'S GROWTH

Fairmont Improvement Association Will Take Up Freight Interchange

The extension of the Willett's Clay company's plant on the East Side is the next step toward the development of Fairmont that is being carried out with the co-operation of the Fairmont Improvement Association. Work has already begun on the enlargement of this plant which when the new additions are completed will employ approximately seventy-five men. The present plant when running full capacity employs about fifty men and the proposed extension will increase the capacity of the plant thirty-three and one-third per cent. This company is engaged in the manufacture of fire clay blocks for glass tanks and furnaces, and a branch factory near Pittsburgh also manufactures clay pots for melting glass by the individual furnace method.

Mr. Willett's of the Willett's Clay company was in Fairmont yesterday and consulted with the Enlargement and Extension of Present Industries committee of the Improvement Association in regard to the possible aid that the local association might render his company and stated that his problems were three. One of these labor problem, was not taken up by the committee. The company will need in the neighborhood of 40 additional men at the plant when the extension is completed.

The shipping problem of the plant was referred to the Traffic and Rate committee which will endeavor to have a better adjustment of the interchange agreement between the B. & O. and the Monongahela railway worked out. The company still has \$10,000 worth of 6 per cent. serial bonds in their treasury and the flotation of these will be taken up by the Finance committee of the Improvement Association. This company is sound in every respect and of the original \$50,000 bond issue, have retired \$10,000 of their outstanding sum.

The officers of the Willett's Clay company are largely local men and the majority of the stock in the concern is owned by local investors. Following are the present officers: H. C. Willett, president; Anthony Bowen, vice president; C. S. Riggs, treasurer; Rollo J. Conley, secretary.

STRIKING N. Y. CARMEN AND SYMPATHIZERS ON PROTEST MARCH!



Ten thousand men and women, striking carmen and sympathizers, are here shown marching down Park av., New York. American flags and banners, wreaths from sympathizing unions and printed protests were carried. Almost all surface traffic was suspended along the line of march to prevent possible violence.

FOUR OVERCOME BY SMOKE; ARE NOW RECOVERING

Blaze Is Two Miles From Mouth of the Mine

STARTED IN PUMP HOUSE

Sensational Stories About Trouble Were Widely Circulated

Fire which originated in a pump house at Third North of Number 4, Consolidation Coal company mine at Monongah from an unknown cause, possibly an electric wire, caused a bad blaze in that operation which was still burning this afternoon. Incidentally it set the rumor factories of Fairmont to working over time.

There were 40 men of the night shift inside when the blaze was discovered and all of these have been accounted for. Seven of them were badly "smoked" before they were brought out and four were in such condition that they were brought on a special street car to Fairmont Hospital No. 3 for treatment. They are William Santos, Leslie Boggs, Buck Davis, foreman, and Boyd Kester. They are reported to be recovering from the effects of the smoke and will be all right soon.

The smallness of the number of the men in the mine was due to the fact that there is a car shortage and the day shift was not going to work today.

Like most mine fires the blaze is a stubborn one and is making the men who are fighting it work hard. It is about two miles from the main entrance to the mine and it completely shuts off North Second where it was at first thought possible a miner or two who belong to the day shift may have gone this morning and were still in the workings. There is plenty of ventilation in North Two, it is said.

A large chemical fire engine is back at the fire and is being used successfully, so that it is expected that the blaze will be put out in a few hours.

When the news that something had occurred at Monongah reached Fairmont stories of the most sensational character were circulated for a time. Some of these were also circulated rather widely. Just after lunch one of the Wheeling newspapers called of the West Virginian and said that it had a report that "Mine 64" at Monongah had blown up and that 30 men were already in the hospitals. Some of the tales that were handed about in this city were even further away from the truth.

When the fire was reported the mine officials took the usual steps to be prepared for any emergency. Physicians, first aid equipment and cots were rushed to Monongah where a large crowd soon assembled. The Fairmont Fire department lung motor was also sent to the mine. Fortunately there was little need for any of this.

FALL GOODS IN BRISK DEMAND

Shortage of Labor Only Thing That Limits Manufacturing Activity

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Dun's Review today said:

In nearly all important industrial and mercantile lines the trend is toward a further increase in activity and is exceptionally marked in some directions. Manufacturing plants are being operated to their capacity, the shortage in the supply of labor being practically the only deterrent to additional expansion.

The demand for fall merchandise is encouragingly brisk and the general business sentiment is optimistic. In the Central states the movement of commodities continues well sustained and reflects prosperous conditions. In the South the inquiry for staple goods is increasingly active, while Western commercial circles report substantial increases in business over last year. On the Pacific coast the favorable crop prospects in that region, together with the generally high prices for agricultural products, are indicative of still further progress. Retail trade drags at some points, owing to labor controversies, but this condition is regarded as temporary and demand for fall merchandise as a whole is maintained in volume that reflects an expanding purchasing power on the part of the people generally.

Weekly bank clearings, \$4,333,897, 1916.

G. A. R. REUNION CLOSED TODAY WITH PARADE

Elks Band and Silver Drum Corps Provide Music

Ninety-seven brave hearted veterans, scared and worn by the ravages of war and time, marched with the spirit of '61 and the light of memory in their eyes this morning at Mannington in the county G. A. R. parade. The Elks' band and the Silver Drum corps furnished the music for the parade and in the line following the old soldiers were many of the prominent citizens of the town and the school children who had turned out to give homage to the remaining members of the organization.

Chief Watts of the Mannington police department acted as marshal of the parade which formed on Market street and marched over the principal streets of the city. Fourteen automobiles were in line many of which carried the more aged and feeble of the veterans who were unable to march in the line.

The number of veterans present at the re-union this year was approximately twenty-five less than attended last year and many of those present this year will fall to answer the roll call next year at the annual re-union which is to be held on the East Side at Fairmont, the invitation extended by the East Side veterans yesterday at the last business session having been accepted.

Plans are now under way to form a tri-county Soldiers' association which will include the veterans from Marion, Harrison and Monongalia counties. A committee was named to work out the details of this new organization at the business session yesterday as follows: T. N. Swisher, E. A. Billingslea, John M. Milne, J. T. McGraw.

The officers elected for the new year of the Marion County Re-Union Soldiers' association were as follows: Colonel, E. A. Blumstieck, Fairmont; Lieutenant Colonel, R. E. Hart; Fairmont; Major Thomas N. Swisher, Winfield; Chaplain, John J. Jamison, Farmington; Adjutant, Charles W. Watts, Fairmont.

Prominent among the visitors at the re-union yesterday evening and today were Hon. Thos. W. Fleming and Rollo J. Conley of Fairmont, and Major M. M. Neely. The camp fire which was held last night in the school auditorium was well attended and a number of interesting talks were on the program. Two special poems on the occasions were read by their authors, Captain John M. Millan and Mrs. Michaels of Mannington.

City Hall Notes

J. Walter Barnes, Finance Commissioner spent the morning in Barnesville today where he watched the progress of the work about the Barnes school. The grounds there are being repaired, new walks put in and a string of pavements from Bellview avenue to the school being laid. This is one of the greatest improvements of public works made in Bellview for years.

City Superintendent of schools O. G. Wilson will hereafter have his office at the Municipal Building. Two vacant rooms have been opened at the city building for Professor Wilson where he will be better able to meet people. By giving up his offices at the Butcher school he leaves more room for the students.

Ira Smith, water commissioner, is busy today on Locust avenue where he has a gang of men at work lowering the water line along that street. When the water line was laid, limestone was struck and who ever was in charge of the work failed to blast the stone out, leaving it for the present commissioner to do. This will temporarily hold up the work being done by Sam Polino in charge of paving the streets.

Commissioner Lehman has started his force of men at grading sidewalks on East Park avenue. The work on Morgantown avenue is about finished.

CONGREGATION THREATENED. SPENCER, W. Va., Sept. 16.—This community is greatly excited following the posting in the night of a warning that if an effort is made to rebuild the Laurel Methodist Protestant church it will be destroyed by fire. The church was destroyed by fire the night of September 19, 1915, and officials have never been able to obtain a clue to the incendiaries.

Useful.

"Do you take cordwood in payment of subscriptions?" asked the caller. "Yes," replied the editor of the country paper, "provided it is in convenient lengths to throw at bill collectors."

BORAH MEETING WILL BE BIG G. O. P. RALLY

Details of Arrangements Are Completed By Local Party Workers

All details for the Republican Rally Monday at which Senator William E. Borah will open the state Republican campaign at this city have been completed and despite weather conditions one of the largest Republican gatherings ever held in this county is anticipated.

The special train load of Republicans from state headquarters at Clarksburg will add to the attendance and all of the prominent party leaders and candidates in this end of the state will be here. Judge Robinson Hon. Thos. W. Fleming, Howard Sutherland and Geo. W. Bowers are among those who will give short talks. Honorary chairmen for the meeting have been named and notified to be present and this list includes many of the prominent party workers in this county.

They are as follows:

M. C. Lough, P. O. McNeely, Dr. Homer Miller, C. W. Walker, Wayne Powell, C. F. Crane, George T. Ost, Chas. Wayman, Gay Hawkins, E. M. Showalter, M. P. Wells, W. R. Huffman, Jack Nye, Edwin Robinson, M. L. Hutchinson, T. I. Brett, L. C. Fitzhugh, J. G. Frickard, W. J. Weigle, J. M. Jacobs, Geo. Shomaker, John A. Russell, Steve Van-gilder, Allen Reed, Geo. Fleming, A. J. McDaniel, Jesse M. Wood, Eugene Stutler, John N. Wood, A. D. Ireland, C. W. Vance, I. P. Shupe, Thos. E. Minnear, Festus Parrish, Felix S. Martin, Henderson Hildreth, C. Wesley Robinson, Andy Martin, Ellis Cunningham, Ward Beatty, Grant Huey, J. O. Huey, J. T. Koen, Eugene Christy, H. R. Furbee, J. R. Rogerson, J. M. Barrack, Leslie Koen, U. H. Dehendorf, G. W. Bowers, E. W. Congleton, B. E. Fleming, D. W. Clayton, John A. Russell, John H. Manley, Henry Gaskins, W. M. Lanham, Claude Jarvis, H. S. Bassett, Calvin Haught, W. S. Swiger, Cal Jones, Louis Drago, F. M. Keener, Thos. Hayhurst, J. F. Carpenter, Mell Malone, Levi M. Harris, G. L. Carter, Eldora Moran, B. F. Swisher, Wager H. Bunner, Virgil Brown, Will Gaskins, D. M. Kidder, C. H. Arp, Camillo Salvati, Philippo Pellegrini, Lloyd H. Post, Logan Morris, J. B. Knotts, Bruce Warder, E. W. Cristy, John Rogerson, L. B. Huey, H. L. Crim, J. M. Millan, J. A. Hess, Hood Clayton, Wm. C. Parker, Stephen E. Bolton, Chester Corbin, W. E. Arnett, Arthur Arnett, Chas. Bartholow, T. J. Hess, Harry F. Smith, E. J. Stine, Dr. E. W. Strickler, Walter H. Watson, Alex. R. Watson, Chas. Wise, M. W. Harris, E. F. Hartley, Fred Helmick, C. O. Henry, Vaughn Jolliffe, A. P. Jones, Robert Kemple, French McCray, Monroe Moran, Harry Pitzer, A. B. Scott, Chas. E. Sidwell, Frank Jackson, Wm. Miller, Wm. Eubanks, M. F. Hayling, Carter Faust, Fred Fisher, Fred C. Fleming, M. M. Foster, Richard Gilken, Wm. Goodwin, J. Lee Hall, C. W. Hall, Ernest R. Bell, Walter Boydston, J. M. Brownfield, E. B. Carskadon, W. Reed Crane, R. T. Cunningham, Z. F. Davis, Geo. W. Deck, Harry Engle, A. L. D. Budley, Fred Meade, Walter Eliason, Harold Schwarm, Wm. H. Frank, Robert Tucker, G. W. Martin, James A. Vandervort, Col. Hunt, H. C. Fetty, Geo. Johnson, Hays Johnson, Rufus Brown, Jack Rice, Sim Bright, R. W. Timpler, Frank Neely.

Monkeys Come to Help Fight Baby Plague

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Fifty monkeys, the survivors of 100 brought here from the Orient to be used in connection with infantile paralysis research work were on the way today to the Rockefeller Institute in New York.

Lung troubles killed fifty of them after their arrival here. The monkeys are a ferocious lot and Dr. H. H. Hicks, local head of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, had much difficulty in keeping the larger ones from killing their smaller companions.

MANY NATIONAL FIGURES COMING TO THIS STATE

Republican Campaign Plans Contemplate Much Oratory

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—When Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, delivers speeches at Fairmont, and Morgantown on Monday and at Wheeling on Tuesday the Republican campaign in West Virginia may be said to be a "go." While Borah is the first oratorical gun of national caliber to shoot in West Virginia, he will not be the only armament of that magnitude to be unlimbered in the Mountain State. There will be others.

Charles Evans Hughes will visit the state and deliver several speeches. Col. Roosevelt will be heard at least twice in West Virginia before the close of the campaign. Their dates cannot now be given for they haven't been settled on, but they will be heard on the hustings sure. So will Raymond Robbins, the former Illinois Democrat and Progressive leader, who is one of the brightest stars that twinkle in the Republican skies this year, which is saying a great deal, for Republican stars are out in great numerical strength, and are shining with unusual brilliancy. Robbins was a great drawing card in the Maine campaign and is credited with having a great deal to do with rounding up the erstwhile Progressives in that state in behalf of the Republican candidates.

Others who have been secured for speaking engagements in the state and upon whose itineraries the committees are now at work, are Senator Harding, of Ohio; Senator Cummins, of Iowa; Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati; Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia; Representative Joe Fordney, all well known leaders of national prominence, and public speakers of the first class.

GERMANS REPULSED PARIS, Sept. 16.—German counter attacks were made on the French line both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced today. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clercy on the north bank of the river and east of Berny to the south of the stream, below Peronne. During yesterday's fighting, today's bulletins states, the French took 400 prisoners. In a single trench the bodies of 86 dead Germans were picked up.

KILLING FROST ON THE GREAT LAKES

Heavy Snow Fall and 24 Degree Temperature In Minnesota

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Frost fell over the Great Lake region last night, according to reports to the Weather Bureau today. The frost extended as far south as northern Tennessee.

A heavy snow fall with a temperature of 24 degrees was reported from Hidding, Minn.

Damage amounting to \$50,000 was reported from Danville, Ill., where all late vegetables were ruined. Reports from southern Illinois said the frost was the earliest in 20 years.

Mrs. Howe Dies At New London

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Annie Howe, only sister of President Woodrow Wilson, died at her apartment in a local hotel early today. Mrs. Howe had been extremely ill for about a week with peritonitis and the end has been expected at any moment for the last two days. The President was informed a week ago of his sister's critical condition and on Monday came here returning Wednesday to Shadow Lawn as Mrs. Howe had been too weak to recognize him. He was kept constantly informed of her condition and when death came a message was sent to him.

High Lights on European War

LONDON, Sept. 16.—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme, begun yesterday morning along the six mile front from north of Comblès to beyond the Pozzleres-Bapaume road, the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martintuich, and Fiers, the war office announced this afternoon.

SALONIKI, via London, Sept. 16.—The Bulgarians are falling back in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by the victorious Serbians, according to an official statement issued at Serbian headquarters.

BERLIN, Sept. 16.—Bulgarian forces on the Macedonian front, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff, have occupied a new position after losing Malka Nidex in a battle with troops of the entente allies.

Wisdom.

Wisdom will never let us stand with any man or men on an unfriendly footing.—Emerson.

The Weather

West Virginia — Fair tonight and probably Sunday. Frost in exposed places tonight.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.

F. P. Hall, Observer.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 44. Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 74; minimum, 41; precipitation, .02.

NOTICE

The city Board of Health is in receipt of the following telegram:

"Charleston, W. Va., 10:46 A. M., Sept. 16: 1916. Dr. C. M. Ramage, Fairmont, W. Va.: Conditions now warrant ending theatre quarantine. Approve your control of situation. C. B. WOOD, 11:14 A. M."

Quarantine is therefore lifted on all theatre and picture houses beginning today, and children of all ages may be admitted.

It is also thought that the quarantine may be safely lifted on Sunday School and church services, and meetings of this character may be attended by all ages, beginning tomorrow.

Public and High School opening dates, however, remain the same—September 25, and all pupils must be provided with a health certificate signed by the family physician as heretofore provided.

C. M. RAMAGE, City Health Officer.